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END OF STATE FUNERAL RITES, THE HERO BEGINS President Aquino along with Maria Leonor "Leni" Robredo, wife of the late Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo, and daughters Aika, Tricia and Jillian, stand by the casket at the entrance of the Imperial Crematory and Columbary in Naga City on Tuesday. (See more photos on Page A12.)

Funeral celebrates Jesse

He never left home; Leni not saying goodbye

By Juan Escandor Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon
and Michael Lim Ubac

NAGA CITY—Interior Secretary Jesse M. Robredo never really left home.

"I will not say goodbye because I know that you will never leave us and will always be in our midst," Robredo's widow, Maria Leonor or Leni, said in accepting the posthumous Philippine Legion of Honor accorded to him shortly before President Aquino delivered his eulogy at Peñafrancia Basilica Minore here yesterday.

"You are now back home where you truly belong. Rest

NEVER A20

Last wreath of flowers offered at crash site A21

P-Noy: Let us stop weeping, let's say thank you



PRESIDENTIAL SALUTE President Aquino bows before the casket of the late Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo at Basilica Minore de Nuestra Señora de Peñafrancia in Naga City on Tuesday. The President said Robredo was "already in the ranks of heroes watching over us from heaven, and he is giving us the strength to continue with their good deeds."

By Michael Lim Ubac,
Juan Escandor Jr. and Jonas Cabiles Soltes
Inquirer Southern Luzon

NAGA CITY—Eulogizing Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse Robredo on the final day of national mourning before his interment here on Tuesday, President Aquino said that the secretary had joined the pantheon of national heroes looking after his countrymen.

"Jesse is already in the ranks of heroes watching over us from heaven, and he is giving us the strength to continue with their good deeds. So let us stop weeping; instead, let us give thanks," the President said in a speech delivered in Filipino that elicited repeated applause from the crowd at Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Peñafrancia, where the concelebrated requiem Mass was held.

"For the brief time that he was here in this world, we were the ones blessed to be in the company of Jesse Manalastas Robredo," said Mr. Aquino, who wore a black arm band as a sign of mourning.

"Goodbye, Jesse. In behalf of the nation, thank you very

FUNERAL A21

Robredo wake evokes Peñafrancia fiesta crowd, mood A20

Senators call on P-Noy to quickly fill DILG post

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

SENATORS yesterday urged President Aquino to fill immediately the post of the late Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo, saying urgent peace and order problems could not be handled by remote control from the Palace.

"I hope the next secretary would not go through the painful experience of being 'acting.' It means [the appointing power] was tentative of the appointment," Sen. Gregorio Honasan said.

Robredo was appointed to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in an acting capacity when President Aquino began his term in

SENATORS A11

It's back to dignified silence in Sereno SC

By Christine O. Avendaño
and TJ Burgonio

THE "MEDIA coach" may be gone, but it's back to the Golden Days—of dignified silence, that is—in the Supreme Court.

That's the edict handed down by Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno yesterday on her first day in office following her oath-taking on Saturday as successor of ousted Chief Justice Renato Corona.

At the start of her 18-year reign at Padre Faura, Sereno said that she preferred the return to the practice of justices speaking

IT'S BACK A6

Wheel prints not moonwalk but still darn exciting

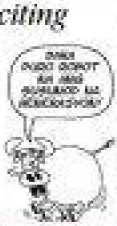
LOS ANGELES—Neil Armstrong inspired millions with his moonwalk. Can a feisty robotic rover exploring Mars do the same for another generation?

The rover last week beamed home photographs of its first wheel tracks on the Martian soil since its daredevil landing.

With manned missions beyond the International Space Station on hold, the spotlight has turned on machines.

While it did not rise to Armstrong's "one small step for man, one giant leap for

WHEEL PRINTS A17



Eco-lawyer: Common sense will solve floods

By Norman Bordadora

A SYSTEM of water collection ponds in flood-prone areas has been offered as a cheap and quick alternative to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) flood-control system that is estimated to cost P352 billion.

Antonio Oposa, an environment lawyer and a Ramon Magsaysay awardee in 2009, made the suggestion before a congressional oversight committee weeks after Metro Manila and nearby provinces suffered widespread flooding as a result of heavier-than-usual rains caused by an enhanced

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Ailing envoy back in 2 weeks

P-Noy orders search for replacement of Brady as ambassador to China

By Tarra Quismundo

AILING Philippine Ambassador to China Sonia Brady may be flown home in early September to help her recover from a stroke she suffered in Beijing last week, said Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario yesterday.

Del Rosario, who returned to Manila after a hasty weekend trip to China, also confirmed that President Aquino had already asked him to look for a replacement for Brady, "to improve her chances of a full recovery."

"We were told at a medical briefing in Beijing yesterday (Monday) that the ambassador's condition has been improving regularly on a day to day basis," Del Rosario told the Inquirer in a text message.

"At the current rate of progress, she may be flown to Manila in two weeks," he added.

Appointed in May after the Philippines and China got into a heated dispute over Panatag (Scarborough) Shoal in the West Philippine (South China) Sea, the 71-year-old Brady suffered a stroke on Aug. 22 in her official residence in Beijing.

She had also suffered a mild stroke earlier this year, it has been reported.

Still could not speak

Del Rosario visited her over the weekend and said on Monday that her condition was improving although she still could not speak.

"To improve her chances of a full recovery, the President has instructed [me] to start the process of finding a replacement for the good ambassador. Let us pray for her early return to good health," said Del Rosario.

Brady, a veteran diplomat, was on her second tour of duty to China, after a long search ended with the rejection by the Commission on Appointments of Chinese-Filipino businessman Domingo Lee, the choice for the post of Mr. Aquino.

Brady first served in the Beijing post from 2006 to 2010.

Del Rosario said the Chinese Foreign Ministry was looking after Brady "with care and concern."

Improving relations

While the Department of Foreign Affairs was looking for a replacement for Brady, Deputy Chief of Mission Alex Chua was overseeing affairs at the Beijing Embassy, the DFA said.

Del Rosario said that while he was in Beijing, he also met with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi to discuss ways to improve relations between the two countries.

Although Aquino has withdrawn two Philippine vessels from the shoal off the northwestern Philippines, Chinese ships have remained. The Chinese have also not removed the rope and buoys they set up at the entry to a sprawling lagoon ringed by rocky outcrops, apparently to keep Filipino fishing boats out, Philippine officials said.

"We discussed in broad strokes the need to move our bilateral relations forward," said Del Rosario, adding that he renewed an invitation to Yang to visit the Philippines, "so we can have a deeper discussion on how our cooperation could be enhanced amid the challenges that confront us."

The disputed shoal and other islands in the West Philippine Sea are claimed by China and in part by, aside from the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan. They are believed to be over rich oil and natural gas deposits. *With a report from AP*

Heidi Mendoza distances self from COA probe of Makati condo

By Christian V. Esguerra



MENDOZA

COMMISSIONER Heidi Mendoza of the Commission on Audit (COA) yesterday distanced herself from the ongoing investigation into a housing project done during Vice President Jejomar Binay's term as mayor of Makati City.

"I have nothing to do with the investigation," she told reporters in Filipino at the sidelines of the House committee on appropriations' hearing on COA's proposed P8.34-billion budget for next year.

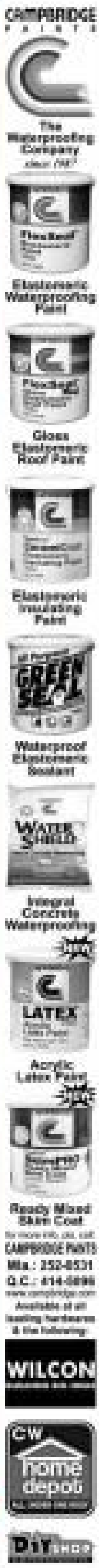
Mendoza said the COA initiated an audit after receiving information on the Makati Friendship Suites through the agency's "citizens' desk." "It's just one of the complaints," she said.

Binay earlier blamed Mendoza for the investigation, saying she "should explain her obsessive interest in Makati, particularly the projects during my term as mayor."

Binay, who is planning to run for President in 2016, claimed that there was a demolition job against him, but maintained that President Aquino was not part of the purported plot.

Asked why Binay would single her out, Mendoza said: "I don't know. I don't want to figure out why."


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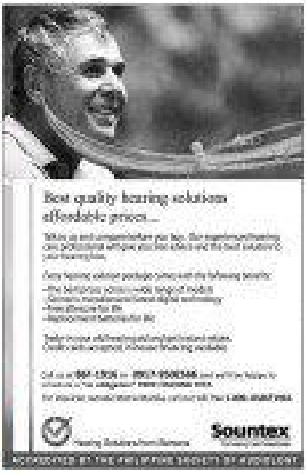
First public engagement

QC court defers arraignment of Morato

By Joanna I. Andrade













GARNISHED DEPOSITS

State lawyers want to know where Marcos funds went



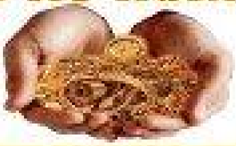
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H & J JEWELLERS ARE HOLDING A GRAND EVENT FOR THE VALUATION AND PURCHASING OF JEWELRY AND OTHER PRECIOUS OBJECTS

A STORY OF A COUPLE WHO RECEIVES INSTANT CASH FOR THEIR OLD JEWELRY AND WATCHES.

A couple from London England had a lucky day when they decided that they would go to an event where jewelry professionals evaluated and bought their old jewelry and unused objects.

Among these items was an old watch from the 1930's. The watch was still working and was inherited from his grandparents. Also, they had a couple of broken rings, small gems and small jewelry pieces that they had no intention of using.

They were pleased when they received good news regarding the value of the items. Andrew Harding, Professional Jeweller said: "The couple didn't want me to say the total amount out loud but I can confirm we are talking about thousands of BRITISH POUNDS."

A HIDDEN TREASURE:

Like most readers, you've always had a dream of winning the lottery or finding a pot full of gold, right? Lots of couples are still ignoring the fact that they have hidden treasure sitting in their homes and old objects and jewelry which they've totally ignored its value.

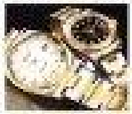
Mr. Harding says, "with all those years estimating jewelry and watching with gems, I can name you a dozen stories of people that brought me objects that they thought had no value at all. I'm sure readers have an object in their mind right now as they read these lines"

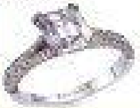
ESTIMATING THE VALUE:

Mr. Harding says, "We will be estimating all objects for free and there is no obligation at all for you to sell your goods. The objects we are looking for are mostly broken rings, watches and old chains. Old gems are also very welcome."

"We are offering an immediate payment in cash. If your treasure is very small or of any amount, we will always be happy to take a look at it and evaluate it.

The event runs from August 28 to September 1 at the Makati Shangri-La and Edsa Shangri-La, Manila from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Don't miss it!





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Lawmakers assure weathermen of budget for benefits

By Leila B. Salaverria

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'Green' buildings to help mitigate effects of floods

By Cynthia D. Balana



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Largest Catholic school group won't expel Ateneo

Ho-hum: House not keen on debating RH

State funeral fit for a Filipino hero



SHOWER OF I LOVE YOU'S In her response, Robredo's wife, Attorney Leni, says that her husband died without "leaving anything unsaid."



TEARS mingle with cheers



HONORING their fellow "tsinelas"



THE PRIDE of his hometown



HIGHEST HONORS President Aquino confers the Legion of Honor rank of chief commander on his "brother in the Cabinet."



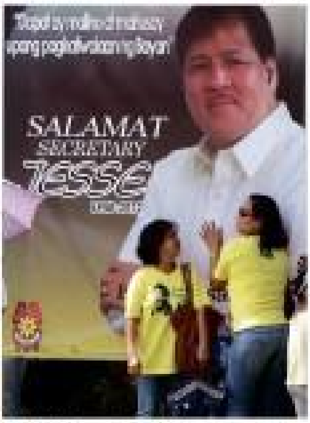
POSTER POWER A follower on the basilica grounds



THE PRAYER is sung by Kay Alvarez and Robert Sena.



YELLOW is the day's dominant color.



EMBRACING the man with gratitude



STATELY Open truck bearing the coffin flanked by yellow flowers is on its way to the crematorium as an admiring crowd shouted, "Pagi, pagi, pagi."



LEILA DE LIMA breaks down and the President's instruction not to weep. She is comforted by Ging Deles while the rest of the somber Cabinet members look on.

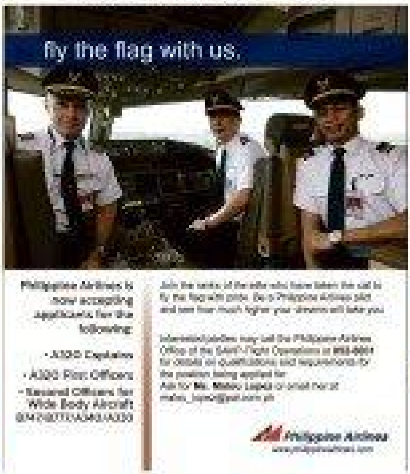


THE FLAG was folded 13 times by the Honor Guard before it was given to President Aquino who earnestly gave it to Mrs. Robredo, who is with her daughters Aika, Jillian and Patricia.

PROBE OF MAID'S TORTURE

Senate to order couple's arrest





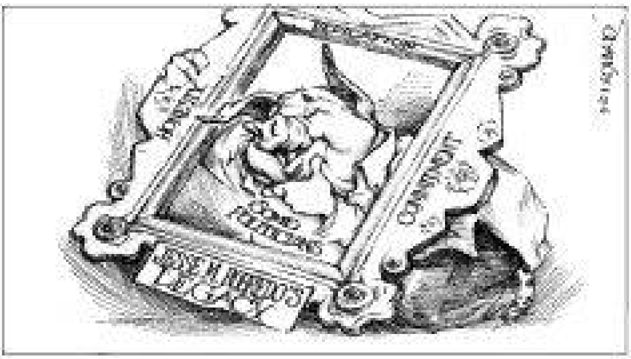




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A novel PPP effort

EDITORIAL



QC needs parks, not a business district

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

Serendipitous

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

Give her chance and time to prove SC independence

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Good taste

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Michael L. Tan

Keeping them honest

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

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Ambeth R. Ocampo

A salute to Sec. Jesse

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PH should observe an OPM week at least once a year

Comelec does it again!

Robredo wake evokes Peñafrancia fiesta crowd, mood



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Eco-lawyer says common sense will solve floods



Up to 2035

Solution is not in billions

Vegetables, fish

Environment officer

Wheel prints not moonwalk but still darn exciting







Man inspires, robot can't

Next giant leap

Robotic spacecraft

At center stage

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

When and how much water should San Roque Dam spill?

"The basic principle in spilling is that the outflow (water spilled by the dam) should always be lesser than the inflow (water coming into the dam)"

By Gabriel Cardinoza
San Manuel, Pangasinan

THAT QUESTION was the focus of discussion during an out-of-town session of the provincial board at the site of San Roque Dam in San Manuel, Pangasinan, two weeks ago.

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IN THIS PHOTO taken on Aug. 7, San Roque Dam in San Manuel, Pangasinan, releases water through one spillway gate as heavy rains lash northern Luzon.

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Trauma

[illegible]

Volume of water

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Across the NATION

Malaria waning, but cases jump in 1 town

DIGOS CITY—The prevalence of malaria in one town in Davao del Sur is sticking like a sore thumb in the government's campaign to eradicate the mosquito-borne disease and the health department's optimism that it would succeed.



POPULAR RIDES

Iloilo power costs fall as prices of coal drop

MILF: Rebs won't get posts in new ARMM



GIFT FROM LAOS

Plan to collect toll in Kennon won't proceed

He never left home; Leni not saying goodbye



JESSE'S WOMEN Leni Robredo, her daughters Jessica Marie and Patricia on their way to the crematorium after the funeral Mass.

A celebration of life

Search-and-rescue

Anecdotes

Family handyman

Overflowing cup

Grieving nation



Funeral celebrates Jesse; let's stop weeping





TEARS FOR JESSE

AMBROSE'S TRIBUTE

'Tsinelas people'

Crowd like 'Ina' feast

'Voyadores'

Legion of Honor

The future

Simple living

Cabinet pallbearers

All Cabinet members

National Days of Mourning

National figure

Last wreath offered at crash site

Parents not told of death



Senators call on P-Noy to quickly fill DILG post

No to divided responsibilities

Going beyond LP politics

High standards

SPORTS

Eagles shoot for win No. 8

Can't rely on breaks, says star



Filipino chessers start bid in Olympiad

Arlovski, Baroni highlight One FC Friday card

Sandugo whips FEU, sweeps Shakey's V-League 1st round



PH-China sports deal frozen; PSC eyes Russia

FCVBA nails two crowns

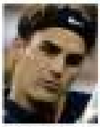


PH joins global wakeboard scene

E-Painters ditching Buenafe, signing Tiu


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Fiery Federer just too good for US Open foe


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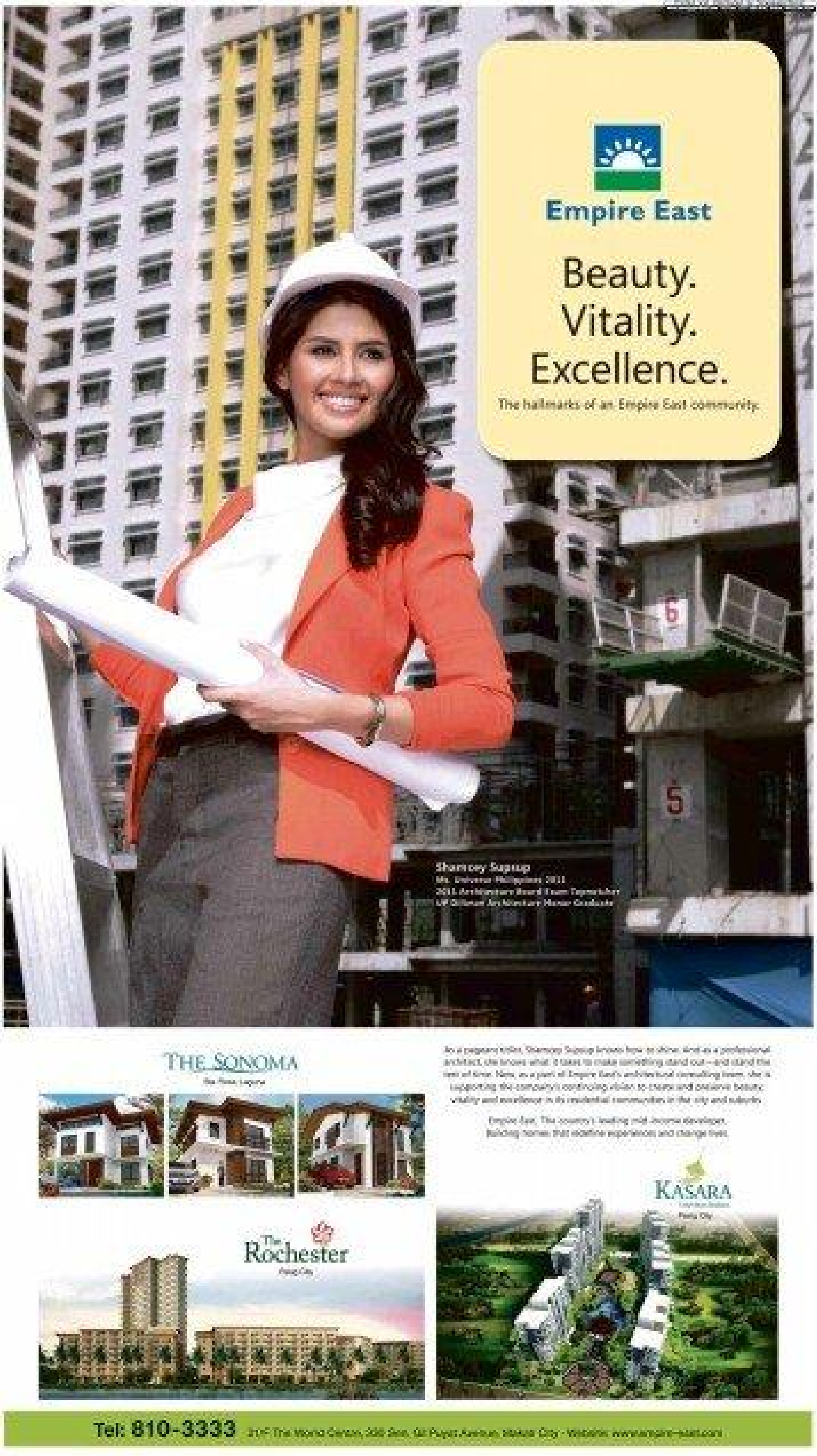
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DID YOU KNOW

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School owners nabbed in 'hazing' case

Blindfolded student killed; chest pierced by pointed tree branch

By [illegible]

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation has arrested a couple who own a private school in San Mateo, Rizal province, in connection with the death of a high school student during a school-sanctioned camping activity in 2003.

The 16-year-old victim was blindfolded and made to walk until he hit a pointed tree branch that wounded his chest and eventually killed him, according to the complaint.

Lawyer [illegible] of the NBI Criminal Intelligence Division yesterday announced the arrest of [illegible], residents of [illegible], Quezon City, and owners of [illegible] Christian School.

[illegible] said the couple were arrested [illegible] in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, over the weekend on the warrants issued in 2005 by San Mateo, Rizal, Judge [illegible].

Five other respondents—four teachers and a former student—remain at large. [illegible] identified the teachers as [illegible] and the student as [illegible], reportedly [illegible] son.

They were charged with violation of the anti-Hazing law over the death of [illegible], then a high school senior at [illegible].

In a resolution issued in 2004, then Rizal Provincial Prosecutor [illegible] recommended the filing of criminal charges against the [illegible] and the others.

"[illegible] was subjected to physical suffering when he slammed into the end of a tree stump while being led blindfolded by the accused ([illegible]), and as a consequence the victim sustained traumatic chest injury which directly caused his death," [illegible] said.

The incident happened on Dec. 29, 2003, during a three-day camping activity held at [illegible] Prayer Mountain in Rodriguez town, also in Rizal.

In an Inquirer interview, [illegible], father of the victim and an employee of the Department of Agrarian Reform, said the school eventually closed down after the owners went into hiding following the incident.



LUNAR FLY-BY

Earth's ever-hovering neighbor as seen from Freedom Island, Parañaque City, provides a scenic backdrop for a small plane in a shot that makes one aspire to reach the skies.

Ordinance boots oil depot out of Manila



NOT FOR THOSE WITH ACROPHOBIA

3 vehicles stolen in 3 days in QC

Pasay plastics ban lets stores charge extra for paper bags

New pack of mall rats walk their way to health at Taguig City mall

METROBRIEFS

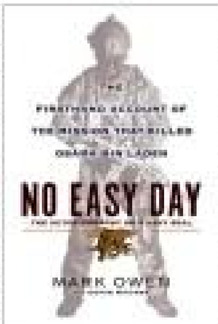
Barangay exec charged with seducing minor

'Hypnotized' woman says Indian duped her

Lotto winner vows aid for the blind

Ice in Arctic Ocean melts to record low

Pentagon checking raid book on Osama bin Laden for secrets



THIS image courtesy of publisher Dutton, a member of Penguin Group USA, shows the cover of the upcoming book "No Easy Day," the first eyewitness account by one of the US Navy SEALs in the unit that killed Osama bin Laden in the al-Qaida founder's hideout in May 2011 "and was present at his death." The scheduled publication date is Sept. 11, 2012. AP

New Egyptian leader steps into world stage

34th Year of Family Rosary Crusade at Sta. Catalina College, Manila

US approves new pill to treat HIV

WORLDBRIEFS

Russian activist jailed

US troops punished over Koran

Typhoon hits S. Korea; 6 dead

The WORLD

Burma reshuffles Cabinet



PIANIST Van Cliburn poses for a portrait at the Steinway & Sons showroom in New York on March 18, 1994.

Pianist Van Cliburn stricken with cancer

Japan tries to ease tensions with China

TOKYO—Japan's prime minister sent a senior diplomat to Beijing on Tuesday with a letter for Chinese President Hu Jintao in an apparent attempt to ease tensions between the two Asian giants over a territorial dispute.

New Syria massacre 'shocks' UN leader

BUSINESS



Ayala Land signs deal with Ortigas faction

Alliance seen leading to 'overall management control'

PROPERTY giant Ayala Land Inc. has approved a strategic partnership with a group led by Ignacio Ortigas allowing the former to invest in privately held OCLP Holdings, the parent company of urban property developer Ortigas & Co.

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INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

42.315



STOCK MARKET

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Property, holding firms lift market

PAL in talks to buy Boeing planes, too



ALI aims to raise ₱3B via Homestarter bonds sale

'Big Boy' gets Ortigas board seat



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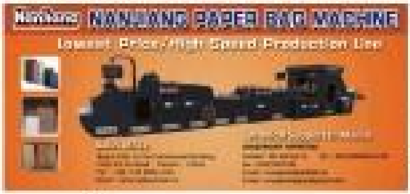
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family is reportedly allied with rival AM group. ALI earlier expressed confidence that it would get the critical stake in OCLP.

ALI is interested in OCLP's vast urban landbank, particularly the Capitol Commons mixed-use project in Pasig City as well as the Ortigas family's crown jewel, the Greenhills commercial complex.

The Ortigas holding firm has a landbank of 58 hectares in Quezon City, Pasig, San Juan and Mandaluyong. Another [illegible] hectares of prime land could be added to its land bank—portions of Camp Crame [illegible] and Camp Aguinaldo [illegible]—that were donated to the government years ago that it could buy back from the government.







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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
National Capital Region
DOLE NCR Building, 967 Maligaya St.,
Malate, Manila

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION/S FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT/S (AEP/S)

Notice is hereby given that the following companies/employers have filed with this Regional Office applications for Alien Employment Permits:

Name and address of Company/Employer	Name of Foreign National/Citizenship	Position
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ERRATUM

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If you have any information/objection to the above mentioned application/s please communicate with the Regional Director.

ATTY. [illegible]
Regional Director

BRIGHTSKIES
TRAVEL AND TOURS, INC.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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to develop & conduct a:

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Nutrition Council (NNC) is in need of the following:

TWO (2) NUTRITION OFFICER III

THREE (3) NUTRITION OFFICER II

TWO (2) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER V

ONE (1) FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT OFFICER II

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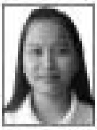
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC




JACKLYN DOMINGO   MAIRYN CAPISTRANO

This is to inform the public that the above persons JACKLYN DOMINGO (Audit staff) and MAIRYN CAPISTRANO (Accounting staff) are no longer connected to G.H. MAHINSAL CONSTRUCTION, INC., effective June 30, 2012. Presently, MAIRYN CAPISTRANO is facing a criminal complaint for QUALIFIED THEFT at the Office of the City Prosecutor of Mandaluyong.

Any transaction entered into by these persons after the said date will not be honored by the company.

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With love, sweet remembrance and thanksgiving We, the family of the late

Arturo M. Del Rosario

Founder, Del Rosario & Del Rosario Law Offices

commemorate the 7th year of his passing on

August 29, 2005

We request the faithful to join us in prayer for the eternal repose of his soul.

"I am the resurrection and life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me will never die."

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

BUSINESS

Imports up 13.3% in June

By Ana G. Roa

Spending on family bonding

MONEY MATTERS

Randell Tiongson



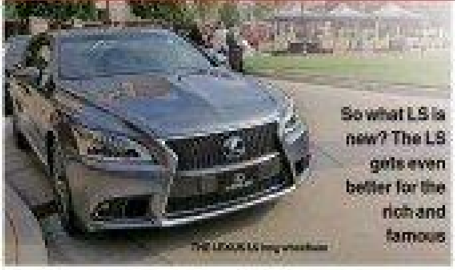
Power Situation Outlook

PH enters 4G era with Smart LTE





MOTORING



So what LS is new? The LS gets even better for the rich and famous

Lexus dream team

Lexus Dream Team

















Lexus Manila chalks up impressive 3-month growth

By Charles E. Buban

Honda's big 'twins' have so much to offer

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza













A Boracay driving adventure with the Kia Sportage



SKID MARKS
Botchi Santos

WHEN people think Boracay, people think beach, party, gimmick, gastronomic adventures, beautiful, breathtaking sights and, public transport. While Caucasians seem to lap up this very native, low-tech experience of driving in converted motorbikes and tricycles, I've always dreamt of driving a proper car and exploring some of Boracay's less-popular but glorious sights and sounds. And believe it or not, there are some pretty great roads in the small island. Some lead up to tall peaks such as the summit of Mt. Luho, which overlooks Paradise Cove, the private beach of Fairways and Bluewater's planned massive Newcoast Expansion.

So thanks to the kindness of our friend Harry Wei Chen, a resort owner and part-time resident of the island, we borrowed his practically brand-new Kia Sportage 2.4 EX Di Luxe A/T for a drive, so much so his odometer hardly been used. Technically the island forbids privately owned vehicles, but Harry's stylish Sportage is used as a shuttle for guests in his ultra-luxurious resort and service apartments located in Tambisaan Beach.

We picked up Harry's Kia Sportage at Diniwid Village, a compound with a multipurpose hall used as a Christian church during Sundays, a very well-maintained garden and some rooms for rent. The problem is that the road is barely wide enough for the modestly-sized Sportage to exit. With help of my wife Erica and our guide, Harry's assistant and friend Toby [illegible], we got out without any scratches and onto Boracay's main spine road. The Sportage's parking aids, and rear-facing reverse camera, no doubt, gave me extra confidence to back up and maneuver the almost not-so-small Boracay Sportage with surprising ease.

Our first destination is Tambisaan Beach, to visit Harry's soon-to-be-finished resort. It's a massive development, probably the most luxurious boutique hotel in the entire island with lots of wood, glass, sandstone, granite and high ceilings. The Sportage's futuristic, European-inspired interior, covered in soft leather and soft-touch plastics, mated with the equally futuristic exterior and highlighted by LED strip lights, penned by Peter Schreyer, is a good match to Harry's masterpiece. We took pictures, our minds were blown away by the sheer magnitude of this small resort, which looks more like a home in Forbes Park in Makati. Afterwards, we left for our next destination, Fairways and Bluewater's expansive complex.

Fairways and Bluewater is the single largest development in the island, occupying just over 10 percent of the island's total land mass. With a world-class 18-hole golf course, three private beaches and ultra-luxurious villas, we wonder whether to play some social round of golf and enjoy a very exclusive hideaway away from the noisy beach and the throngs of tourists. But we're trying to find a way to bring our Kia Sportage as close to the shoreline as possible. And we did, right at the base of the Keyhole and Zorb amusement park with a short off-road trek that the Sportage, even with 18-inch highway-biased tires, made easy work. From the beach, one can see the famous keyhole rock formation, a Boracay wonder famous all over the world. We took pictures and headed out for Mt. Luho, one of Boracay's highest peaks.

Mt. Luho is the starting point for many ATV trail riders and even horseback riders. Going up the steep and narrow road, the Sportage's 175 hp and 225.5 Nm of torque, mated to the 6-speed automatic with 4WD, took this in stride; we overtook convoys of slow-moving ATVs and [illegible] tourists on scooters on our way to the summit, or at least the end of the road. Interestingly, there's a small amusement park at the base of the road leading up to Mt. Luho, which locals fondly call the Disney Land of Boracay. We didn't have much time so my wife and I agreed that we'll visit it next time we're in Boracay. We took more pictures and decided to hit our next spot, the ultra-luxurious Shangri-La Resort and Spa.

Shangri-La is at the tail-end of the island. There's not much happening on that side, which was how Shangri-La wants it—making it even more exclusive.

It's also one of the few stretches of deserted roads on the island where a car can really get into stride and hit fourth gear. Leading all the way to the DMCI developed Alta Vista Community. But unfortunately, just as the road opens up, we saw the Boracay Convention Center and turned in to reach Shangri-La. It's a slow but breathtaking drive as we entered the Shangri-La complex and are greeted by the view of the sea at sunset, and we were blown away. Shangri-La's impressive design makes one feel that he is outside of the Philippines and in some exotic destination abroad. Again, we took pictures, followed by a hefty merienda, which was followed by an even heftier bill. With the sun setting, we took our last set of pictures before calling it a day.

Going back to Diniwid Village, we passed through D' Mall and the road is congested like crazy, with throngs of tricycle drivers carrying tourists out looking for dinner and some shopping. The Kia's headlights cut a path and everyone were amazed to see what seems like a private vehicle sharing space with tricycles. We reached our destination and, once again, Toby and Erica, directed the traffic while I eased in the Sportage back into its home. Next time, we'll visit Puka Beach and explore more roads and empty beaches.



THE KEYHOLE serves as the perfect backdrop for a chance photo shoot for the Sportage.



AT THE Zorb amusement park



SPORTAGE at the Fairways and Bluewater

Wild Horses at The Fort

Ford Philippines officially launches Mustang sports car

By Jason K. Ang

AT LONG last, Ford's pony car has arrived. The Mustang, which had in phases changed from being an urban legend, went through a will-they or won't-they phase, then an official preview at the 2012 Manila International Auto Show, and now finally the launch. Ford Philippines starts delivering customer cars in September.



A 1965 Mustang fastback GT 350 SR owned by McDonald's Kenneth Yang

Meanwhile, on Aug. 21, Ford held a launch and drive event at Bonifacio Global City, to highlight the Mustang's features, performance, and not least of all, its heritage.



A 1967 Mustang GT fastback owned by ABS-CBN director Edgar Mortiz

The new Mustang comes very well equipped in two variants: 3.7-liter V6 Premium at P2.499 million; and the rumbling 5.0-liter V8 GT Premium at P2.899 million.



THE NEW-GENERATION Mustang is set to carve out a new name among sports car aficionados.



THIS 1967 GT500 Mustang fastback owned by Alex Siu comes with the full "Eleanor" kit of the 'Gone in Sixty Seconds' movie fame.

This may be an all-new Mustang, but its look, derived from its famous forebears, is unmistakable. The front end sounds somewhat more than its new friendly-looking appearance, but the round headlamps flanking the trapezoidal grille makes sure that you won't mistake this car for anything else on the road, even before you spot the galloping pony badge in the center. Lending the Mustang a more modern touch are HID headlamps and LED running lights and for the rear, LED panels that form the trademark rectangular tail lamps. The tail lamps fire up in sequence when in turn signal mode. Between the tail lamps is a high gloss black panel again emblazoned with the pony logo in the center. There's even a blue oval logo anywhere on this car. Even the passenger-side lamps under the exterior mirrors project the image of the running horse on the pavement.

The 3.7-liter V6 dishes out 305 hp and 380 Nm, while the 5.0-liter V8 delivers quite a lot more: 420 hp and 529 Nm. Either engine is paired with a six-speed automatic transmission that allows for manual mode shifting via a selector button on the side of the shifter. Manual mode means full driver control, holding the gear up to redline until the driver shifts up. Redline for either engine is 7,000 rpm.

Mustang offers driver-selectable levels of power assist. Sport mode cuts the assist and reportedly offers up more road feel, while comfort mode adds boost while lessening feel. There's a standard mode offering a level of assist and road feel between the two. The front suspension uses MacPherson struts, while the rear uses the traditional Mustang solid axle with coil springs and stabilizer bar. The V8 GT comes with upgraded Brembo brakes, 14-inch vented front disks, 19-inch alloy wheels, and summer performance tires. The V6 uses 17-inch alloys.

With such equipment, owners will be tempted to bring their car to a track, and the Mustang obliges further with its Track Apps, an onboard track computer. Taking the cue from cars like the Nissan GT-R, the system is centered around a 4.2-inch LCD screen planted between the two main gauges. Track Apps can display g-forces, 0-60 and quarter mile acceleration time, braking time, and even a dragstrip-style countdown timer.

Comfort doesn't take a back seat in the Mustang. The driver's seat features six-way power assist, with passenger seat also powered in the GT. Standard features include leather seats, ambient lighting, auto dimming rear view mirror, aluminum trim on the instrument panel and door sills, and cruise control. The GT adds a huge glass roof with four-rear-seat glass and a built-in manual shade panel, as well as a rear view camera and LED fog lamps.

Highlighting the Mustang's rich heritage was a sampling of some of its iconic forebears: a 1965 fastback in stunning gray with blue stripes; a 1970 Cobra II; a 1967 fastback owned by Edgar Mortiz, which gained fame as Steve McQueen's car in the movie "Bullitt"; a 1965 Convertible, the first-generation and original "pony car"; and perhaps the most famous classic Mustang, a 1967 GT500 bearing the trademarked name "Eleanor." With its distinctive heritage a definite plus, and with the relatively affordable sticker price, the new-generation Mustang is set to carve out a new name among sports car aficionados.

Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan

LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining



Audrey Tan-Zubiri

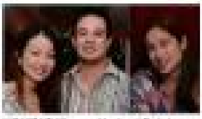
MAMA DIARIES

Are you 'mommylicious' enough?

There's an entire mommy vocabulary popping up in media. Here are some choice samples



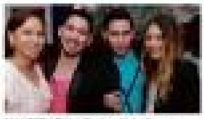
ANTON San Diego, Jessie [illegible] (standing) and [illegible] (seated)



MONIQUE Albert and husband Carlo Lopez, Nina Albert



JOY Dinglasan, Sari Yap, Linda Ley, Citi Albert, [illegible], Lea Olive



MAUREEN Dalat, [illegible] and John Herrera, [illegible]



SPIKE Lumb, Ana Alcaro, Pepe Fernando



MELISSA Ong, Tessa Prieto Valdes, Connie Hsu, [illegible], Citi Albert, Tina Jordan



BUFFY [illegible], Fiodie Salvador, [illegible]

VIP guests gorge on Asian street food

SHE WAS born a beautiful child and blossomed into a stunning beauty and a successful entrepreneur. She's Citi Albert of Fila Philippines.

She recently threw a bash to celebrate her birthday with her bubbliest pals and friends of her cousin in the Fort.

Citi was gorgeous in a bright printed dress. She had invited to her party friendly pal, Ralph (Joseph) of Ralph's Wines & Spirits, to assemble the best bubblies: Margaux, Moët & Chandon and Dom Pérignon. For wines, Josephine and Monte Alpha. [illegible] pinot-like guitar.



WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

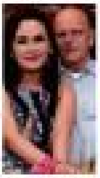
Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alan Van Hagen
powered by MAC [illegible]

The delicious but sinful feast of [illegible] and other divine delights from Citi had us torn in choosing which to dig into. Among the 15 [illegible] dishes were [illegible] Cheese and Crushed Black Pepper, [illegible], Salmon and [illegible], [illegible] with Mango [illegible], [illegible] with Truffle [illegible] Cream Sauce and US beef [illegible] US Beef Belly. With its Chocolate Truffles, the dessert table was the [illegible] of lights everywhere.

Citi's devoted hubby, Butch Albert, dedicated his birthday greetings through a song. Citi's sis Ana Abad Santos, and pal, Bill Rodriguez showed their singing talents.

The champagne guzzling was good and adorable Citi Albert wouldn't have it any other way.



THE CELEBRATOR with photographer Alan Van Hagen



NINI Cocua, [illegible] de la Cruz, [illegible], Irene Bacon, Citi Albert, [illegible]



ANOTHER gorgeous pose for Fila Inc.'s Citi Albert [illegible], with husband Jose Mari "Butch" Albert



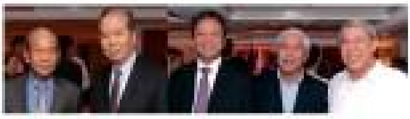
NINO Zaldarraga, Jun Lacson



RALPH Joseph, [illegible], Butch Albert, Louie Tiosejo



AT THE Asian Street Food Festival: Malaysian Trade Commissioner Hie Nan Ahmad, Thai Airways GM [illegible], Dairy Farm International's regional director Alan Tay, Rustan Supermarkets, Inc. president Donnie Tantoco, Thai Trade Center assistant director [illegible], Rockwell Land VP for retail Malou Perelo, [illegible]



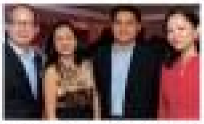
BANKERS Association of the Philippines' Cesar Virata, Chinabank's William Go, UnionBank's Vic Valdepeñas, Bankers Association of the Philippines' "Eppie" Conrad Jose Fernando



JM RODRIGUEZ, Ana [illegible]



RSCI president Donnie Tantoco, Tessa Prieto Valdes, Cristina Tantoco, RSCI VP for marketing Frances Po, RSCI VP for food service division [illegible]



UNIONBANK'S [illegible], Citi's [illegible], HSBC's [illegible], Citi's [illegible]



HSBC's Albert Lirio, [illegible], PNB's [illegible] and Citi's Arnie Fernando

Citibank alumni network

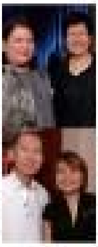
Citibank country officer Sanjiv Vohra launched "Once Citi, Always Citi" in connection with the bank's 200th anniversary [illegible].

Inaugurated was the Citi Alumni Network (www.citigroupalumninetwork.com), a global electronic platform for alumni to reconnect with their former colleagues and to keep themselves up-to-date with news about Citi.

"In the Philippines, more than 200 ex-Citi employees have already signed up online, and we are proud that several Citi alumni have gone on to achieve great success, whether as company CEOs to senior government officials and community leaders," Vohra said.

Vohra led a toast to the Citi alumni.

Also in celebration of Citi's 200th year, a P200,000 check donation was made to the Citi Alumni Fund for ex-Citi colleagues in need of medical assistance.



KNOWLEDGE Channel's [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Allied Bank's Tony Dino, JPMorgan Chase's [illegible]

One witty guest remarked to me: "You know, Maurice, some time ago, when you saved money you were wise. Nowadays if you save your money, you're a [illegible], because any wife is great at spending money and she didn't want him buying a new car."

Yeah, go for it, gal.

Citi started in 1812 as a trade-finance bank, enabling commerce between New York and Liverpool. It was the first major American bank to expand overseas and today, Citi has operations in 101 countries.

Rustan's Asian street food invasion

The most iconic street food staples from Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia were showcased at the Concourse Level of the Power Plant Mall in Rockwell when Rustan's Supermarkets launched the Asian Street Food Invasion with a [illegible] opening affair.

The ceremonial ribbon-cutting was led by good-looking Rustan Supermarkets, Inc. president Donnie Tantoco. Joining him was Power Plant Mall GM Malou Perelo, Thai Airways GM [illegible], Dairy Farm regional CEO Alan Tay, [illegible] commercial counselor [illegible], Malaysia External Trade Dev't Corp. trade commissioner Hie Nan Ahmad, and Thai Trade Center assistant director [illegible].

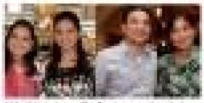
Crowd favorites were the pad Thai, pho, curry, [illegible], Hainanese chicken, [illegible] and [illegible].

"Rustan's Supermarket's Asian Street Food Invasion allows for a celebration of cultural flavors that can be enjoyed without leaving our country," said Tantoco.

"With Asian street cuisine serving our theme, it is our hope that Filipinos will appreciate the distinct tastes of our region, explore the unique ingredients that make up each culinary specialty, and enjoy their favorite Asian dishes—all in the comfort of their homes and through the premium stores Rustan's Supermarket offers."

One of the invitees said: "I feel so stuffed that I wish I could take in more of all the yummy dishes."

Well, that's what gorging is all about, 'Di ba, darlings?



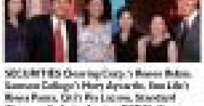
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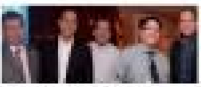
HEG DAVID, [illegible], [illegible], Freddie Ong



CULTURAL dancers representing Singapore



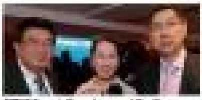
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ASIA UNITED Bank's Victor Lim, Metrobank's [illegible], Citi's [illegible], [illegible], UnionBank's [illegible]



CITI country officer Sanjiv Vohra presents [illegible] a P200,000 check for the Citi Alumni fund



CITI'S Francis [illegible] and [illegible], HSBC's [illegible]



CITI'S [illegible], John Clements's Carol [illegible], [illegible], Citi's [illegible]

Are you 'mommylicious' enough?

'Mother of the Year' search in full swing



So what's wrong with 'awesome' and 'okay lang'?

Kids are losing their communication skills because they overuse certain words–and they abuse the superlatives

Trendy footwear for young, trendy girls



BRITMANIA ROCKS MANILA!

A Heritage of Passion, Commitment and Growth

Lee Cooper has been the foremost European brand in denim. Its heritage goes back more than 100 years since it first started operations in East London in 1908.

Lee Cooper traces its roots to the production of overalls and work wear. In the early 1900s when jeans were strictly a workman's attire, Lee Cooper made tough and durable denim work clothing. Because of the brand's unparalleled commitment to the highest quality, it didn't take long before the company really took off in 1908 and eventually gained the distinction of being the first and oldest authentic denim brand of jeans in Europe.

When England was ready for some rock-&-roll in the 1950s, Lee Cooper began producing jeans that were so hip it was a crime not to have at least a pair back then.

But it wasn't until the 1970s, almost 70 years after the brand debuted, that Lee Cooper truly transformed into a global brand. At that time, the British fashion brand aggressively expanded into key markets with an equally convincing advertising campaign around the world, most notably in France.

Since then, it has expanded to over 88 countries, including Spain, Morocco, France, Italy, South Africa, Russia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, and the UK. It is also available in Ireland, Belgium, Switzerland, India, China, and Korea.

With over 1,000 outlets (100 of which are Lee Cooper stores), the brand boasts of strong recall, making it one of the most recognizable and accessible brands in the world. No wonder Lee Cooper sells more than 5 million pairs of jeans every year.

Now, the iconic British fashion brand has rock and rolled its way to Manila's streets, bringing the same sophisticated and fashionable name that have made it famous the world over.

Starting August 2012, denim-capital brand itself as Lee Cooper – the first, most authentic and legendary denim brand – rocks the fashion world with its latest, most stylish and exciting collection ever!

In August 2012, the Philippines gets a slice of the action as Lee Cooper opens its very first stores in the Philippines. With more than 1,400 outlets across the globe, Lee Cooper has become an undeniable force in the fashion industry.

The pioneering store in Manila promises to provide a freeway for fashion-forward individuals to express themselves through the clothes they wear.

Driven by strong and authentic British fashion design from the UK, Lee Cooper carries a complete line and collection for both men and women, including denim jeans, colored pants, denim shorts, capri, cargo pants and shorts, knits, blouses, wovens, and jackets.

It's been a long time coming, but now that the British fashion icon is in the country, it's just a matter of time before its stylish pieces make their way to people's closets, much like how the brand has captured the rest of the world. Talk about a fashionable world domination.

The rock & roll attitude that runs through every thread of Lee Cooper merchandise is very much alive and kicking, with an ever growing loyal customer base and strong global visibility.

Born in Britain with expertise in denim, Lee Cooper's cuts and styles always look sleek, slim, and sexy; the details always stunning; the cuts and colors a perfect fit; the fabrics and finish a cut above the rest.

With rock-&-roll in its DNA, Lee Cooper is just what the local fashion industry needs now – a dose of hard-edge sense of style that is second to none. It's genuine fashion from the fashion gurus without a doubt.

From London, the world's foremost fashion capital, Lee Cooper adds sizzle to Manila's ever-evolving fashion scene with its cutting-edge styles that blend British flair with defiant and rebellious streak.

Lee Cooper is now available in SM North EDSA, SM Megamall, SM Makati, SM Mall of Asia, SM Fairview, SM Pampanga, Robinsons Magnolia, Glorietta Metro Alabang, and will soon be available in leading department stores nationwide.

Lee Cooper is exclusively manufactured and distributed in the Philippines by Red Diamond Global Brands.

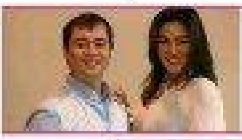


LifeStyle Home & Entertaining



You won't get bored with your cork boards


DECORATIVE picture frames lined with cork sheet



DO-IT-YOURSELF

Make even the most mundane reminders look pretty



CORK BOARDS available in the market haven't changed much. Bookstores still carry the very basic, plain aluminum or wood-framed variety. Here's an idea for interesting cork boards that can make the most mundane reminders look pretty. A decorative picture frame lined with a cork sheet would be a perfect place to pin up favorite personal photos or mementos to hang up on your wall for friends to enjoy!

Here's what you'll need:

Frame of your choice (antique frames, fabric-covered frames)

Cork sheet (available at school supply stores)

If needed, staple gun or small nails (depending on frame material)

Hard board (if your frame has no backing, you will need this for extra support)

Procedure:

Measure the hollow space of the frame.

Cut cork sheet to size.

Attach cork sheet to the back of frame.

Attach hardboard [illegible] for extra support, if needed.

Keep in mind that you will be pinning up matters on your cork board, so make sure your backing is thick enough for the pins not to go through to your walls.





MID-century is made interesting by Nix's use of different textures and unexpected groupings.



NIX'S console is unique enough to stand on its own or blend in well in a decor setup.

Rising above the ordinary



PATTERNED accent chair

Interior designer Nix Alañon's PhoeNix Home offers hard-to-find, beautiful accent pieces

By Joanne Manahan-Yupangco
Contributor

DECORATING my home is an ongoing project. Paintings and pieces of furniture get swapped out almost on a weekly basis. I realize that having children does not mean that one has to babyproof the house; it only means that you can make things more interesting for them to look at.

I've scoured the city's home décor and furniture stores and have not found anything new in a long time. Finally, out of the winding maze of Poblacion rises PhoeNix Home of Nix Alañon.

An interior decorator by trade, Nix started making furniture to satisfy the needs of his clients. In PhoeNix, I found pieces that I had a hard time finding: beautiful accent chairs and tables, armoires and decor pillows. He has a penchant for animal-inspired things, as seen in his chairs with animal legs, animal accessories, and even beautiful cowhide rugs from Argentina.

Three-dimensional

Displayed among the furniture and home accessories are the works of Eugenia Alcaide, an artist Nix had discovered. Her pieces have a three-dimensional effect when held up to the light.

Nix's various collections are inspired by his many travels abroad. "I like to see what is out there and what other people are doing," he says. Nix then takes these inspirations to create his own pieces. Different patterns and textures dominate Nix's collection, adding variety even to "safe" items, such as one of my personal favorites, accent chairs in white upholstery with silver bamboo detail on the side.

Nix's pieces are a good bet for those who want to venture into a more bold style. One piece from his collection is sure to punctuate a room. At the same time, the collection, when set up as a whole, works well together, and it is not a shock to one's conservative home decorating aesthetic.

PhoeNix Home is at 4673-B Palma St., Poblacion, Makati.



3D EFFECT artwork in panel on silhouette canvas by Eugenia Alcaide



BY ALCAIDE: artwork made of thread



OLD meets new in this upholstered bench with animal feet—a dog's in the mix.



NIX'S choice of color palette are soothing to the eye, neutral but never boring.



PHOENIX'S mint accent collection

Do school kids know what environmentalism really means?

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido

Grandstanding politicos should correct erring citizens, not defend them

SCHOOLS are supposed to be teaching environmental protection and conservation. But do students know they are expected to practice what they learn not just inside their schools, but everywhere they go?

It may be necessary to review how environmental lessons are taught, and if they are learned.

I live near St. Anthony School in Singalong corner San Andres Streets in Malate, Manila. I often leave for work around the time afternoon classes end. Waiting outside the school gates are peddlers selling food and drinks. Of course, the food is usually wrapped in plastic.

What kids do with the wrappers and empty containers makes me think environmental lessons are nothing more than theories for these students—something they have to learn, but which has absolutely no relevance to real life. They drop the plastic on the sidewalk, or throw it away from the window of a jeepney.

It is no surprise that that part of Manila gets flooded at the slightest rain, and it takes a while before water subsides.

But it is not just St. Anthony pupils who fail to understand that environmental protection should be a way of life, not just a subject to be learned. Students of other schools, even those in college, also do not seem to understand the relationship between improper garbage disposal and destructive floods, as they mindlessly throw their trash anywhere.

And yet, when it floods, everyone is quick to say plastic is responsible for clogging waterways. Why doesn't the knowledge get translated into concrete action? Schools, even the Department of Education, should try to find out.

Why spare them?

Grandstanding politicians are trying to earn pogi points with the public by taking to task government officials who "dare" to say people are to blame for the floods and other environmental catastrophes. They do not want it said that citizens are as much to blame for what happens during calamities. There is no question that, through omission and commission (in more ways than one), public officials have a lot to answer for when lives and property are lost in times of disaster. But every citizen also has to be held responsible.

Politicians who try to win votes by refusing to tell people the government cannot accomplish much if they do not assume some responsibility for their well-being are not helping those people they are "defending." These politicians are only encouraging these people to continue doing all the things that make disasters more destructive than they should be.

People who block waterways by building on them or turning them into their private garbage dumps have to be told the truth that they are a big part of the problem. They have to be reminded that those things they throw away carelessly anywhere and everywhere are likely to come back and cause them misery.

Politicians who do not want to say what needs to be said for fear of losing votes are as much to blame for the worsening situation as the government officials they criticize.

Walking for women

Avon marks the 20th year of its Kiss Goodbye to Breast Cancer (KGBC) with its Let's Walk the Talk Tour that began Aug. 26 in Las Piñas City. The campaign will be brought to other locations in Metro Manila, as well as Cebu and Davao cities. It will culminate in the walk and run events on Oct. 21 at the SM Mall of Asia open grounds.

The KGBC is Avon's way of giving back to its clients—the women—who made it the company that it is today.

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THE CLUBHOUSE at Commonwealth by Century is a three-story space that nurtures every individual's interests from kids to adults.

QC development to showcase 'healthy pursuits'

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ARTS-AND-CRAFTS room



CLOSER look of the Feeder Apparel Building

Mactan manufacturing plant turns lean, 'green'

THE FEEDER Apparel Building at Gate 3, Mactan Export Processing Zone, Lapu-lapu City is the first "green" manufacturing facility in the Zone.

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FAÇADE of the finished building

'Waling-waling' declared 'other national flower'

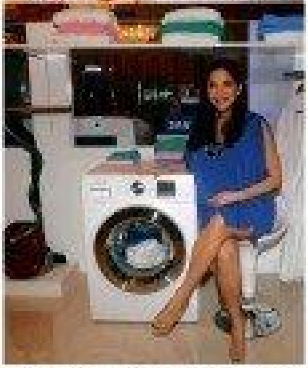


THE WALING-WALING, or vanda sanderiana, has been proclaimed as "the other" national flower of the Philippines. The House of Representatives passed on third and final reading House Bill 5655, authored by Davao City Rep. Mylene Garcia-Albano and Pangasinan Rep. Marlyn Primicias-Agabas.

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Bacteria-fighting, energy-conserving, fully digital–new gadgets for the modern home





AMANDA Griffin with the fully automatic Samsung Digital Washing Machine





7 simple steps to begin sprucing up your space





Look for inspiration

Define your style

Ascertain room's function

Assess your stuff

Draft a floor plan

Set a budget

Make a schedule

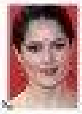
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Nail salon promo

ENTERTAINMENT

Proud Mexican

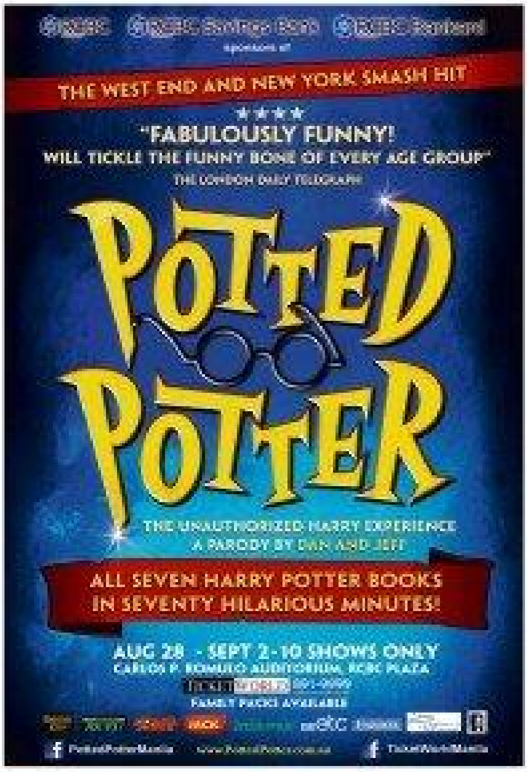


HEARD

After Lloydie, Shaina eager for a new life

Trip to Europe





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SM TICKETS

Women directors take center stage in Venice



Almost half

Finally changing

AFP

Opening This Week



EUGENE Domingo and Ogie Alcasid in "I Do Bidoo Bidoo"

Amorosa

I Do Bidoo Bidoo

The Campaign

Katy Perry: Part of Me

The Possession



MISSY and Lisa Macuja-Elizalde

Macuja, daughter star in 'Alamat…'

PRIMA ballerina Lisa Macuja-Elizalde and her 14-year-old daughter Missy share the spotlight in Ballet Manila's 17th performance season opener, "Alamat: Si Sibol at Si Gunaw," which premiered last week at Aliw Theater, CCP Complex, in Pasay City. Repeats are scheduled on Sept. 1 and 2.

"It's a full-circle moment to be dancing with Missy," says Lisa. "I am so proud of her, especially since it was she who decided that she would pursue ballet."

The ballet, based on an environmental tale, is presented by Manila Broadcasting Co., Rockwell, Aliw Theater and Star City, with Manila Hotel as the official sponsor.

For tickets, call 5220947 or 8800293 or visit the website www.balletmanila.com.ph. Or call Ticketworld, 8919999 or visit ticketworld.com.ph.

Uge returns to her roots in theater

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal



She reprises, onstage, the role that Nora Aunor originally portrayed in the film 'Bona'

AT THE RATE Eugene Domingo's career is zooming, she can easily just keep moving forward. But she's one big star who refuses to be caught up in the frenzy, so she makes it a point to look back.

That's why Uge is returning to her roots in theater as she reprises Nora Aunor's landmark movie role, this time in the stage play "Bona," ongoing weekends till Sept. 23 at PETA Theater in New Manila (tickets available at Ticketworld and through petatheater.com).

How is she portraying Bona so she won't be compared to Ate Guy?

"From the very start of the rehearsal, I have been honest with (Nick Joey Topacio) and Peta artistic director Maribel Legarda," Uge says. "I told them to please not make it exactly like Ate Guy's Bona. I know my strengths, and I know I can never equal what Nora Aunor did. They gave me a contemporary Bona, which will better reflect the times."

What made her decide to go back to theater?

"Theater is my home," she points out. "A material as relevant and as entertaining as Bona is a perfect chance for me to attract more people to the theater experience. That, for me, is giving back."

What can we learn from Bona?

"Bona is a reflection of all of us," she says. "Bona is a fan. Who isn't? We all want to be a part of somebody's success."

For sure, we will all turn into Uge's fans after watching her do what she does best.

MJ b-day today

If Michael Jackson were alive, it would be his 54th birthday today. The Official Michael Jackson Fans Club Philippines and Grupo 80s will throw a party on Sept. 1, 8 p.m., at Café 80s (corner Sgt. Esguerra and Mother Ignacia streets, Quezon City).

There will be surprise performances, games and a display of priceless MJ collections. All MJ diehards (like me!) are invited. Entrance fee is P150.

Come in an MJ-inspired costume and bring MJ memorabilia. Happy birthday to the all-time idol! Thanks for changing the music world for the better.

Apo's timeless music

Jim Paredes is ecstatic that the timeless music of the Apo Hiking Society has been transformed into a movie, "I Do Bidoo Bidoo," which opens today.

"It feels great knowing that Apo's songs have become part of the soundtrack of Filipinos' lives," he beams.

What is his fave Apo song?

"They are all my children," he says. "I love them all, although some children can be more charming sometimes. Right now it is 'Panalangin' for me."

Long live Apo for making it more fun to sing in the Philippines!

No bad blood

In TV5's "Bag Laine" (10:30 a.m., Saturdays), Rita Avila clarified the rumor about her texting Richard Gomez at ungodly hours, which reportedly sparked a fight between Gomez and his wife Lucy.

"There's no truth to that at all," Rita said. "When my character in 'Walang Hanggan' had to make an exit, I left the show with no bad blood with anyone."

Lucy backed up Rita's story. "For want of a legit reason that Rita's character is no longer in her teleserye with Richard, people made that up," she said. "We all just laughed it off. Rita even gave me a Sto. Niño statue because she knew Richard and I wanted to have a second baby. It is said that such a gift brings good luck to those who want to have a baby."

Who knows if it's a sign of a go.





EUGENE Domingo



RITA Avila

ENTERTAINMENT





Not-so-secret lovers defy pugnacious parents

By the Entertainment Staff

RUSHES





Between two hunks

Desperate move

Deafening disagreement

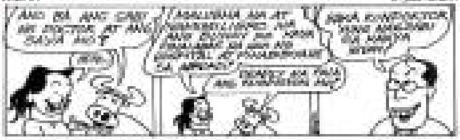
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Top of the talk shows

GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS



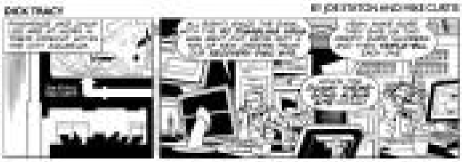
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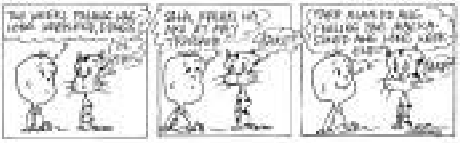


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DICK TRACY

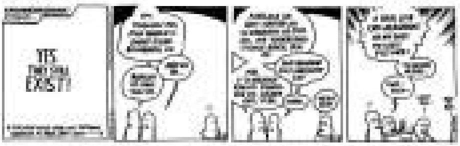




BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT



KIKO MACHINE

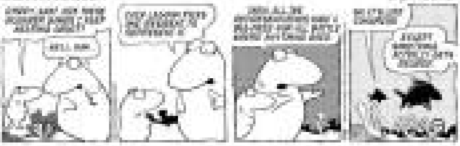




MUTTS BY PATRICK MCDONNELL



SHERMAN'S LAGOON BY JIM TOOMEY



DUSTIN BY STEVE KELLEY AND JEFF PARKER



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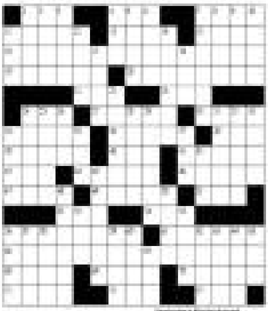
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HEART Evangelista

Not-so-secret...

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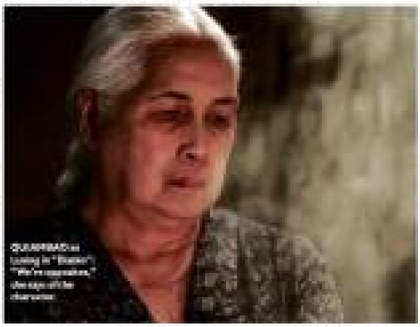
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Ama Quiambao scores first best . . .

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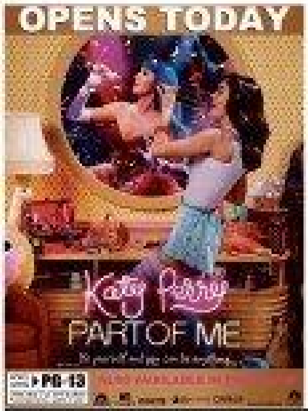
Long lines

Strangely calm



QUIAMBAO as Lusing in "Diablo": "We're opposites," she says of the character.

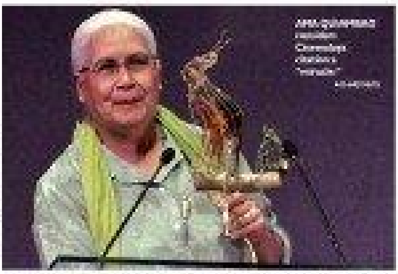
Good team



Ama Quiambao scores first best actress win at age 65

She is happy that indie films make veteran actors shine

By Bayani San Diego Jr.



Not about the judges

'X-Factor' mentors really need to remind themselves that the tilt is about the finalists

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

Soloists preferred

Voters rule

CEAP: 1941-2016

Remember with Gratitude, Renew with Fervor, Set Forth with Faith



A Message from the President

Your institutions play a vital role in the values formation of our students, and we in government are pleased to have you as part of the private education sector, transforming our youth into God-fearing, goal-oriented, responsible citizens. May this occasion reaffirm your commitment to strengthening the curriculum administration and teaching competencies of your 1,345 member-schools, in response to the challenges of our globalized milieu. Indeed, the tenets of our faith that are essential to your collective are also vital to realizing the principles of equality and fairness, as articulated by our Social Contract with the Filipino People.

We in government remain steadfast in fulfilling our shared task of positive national transformation. Let us sustain this momentum along the straight and righteous path towards the realization of our country's great potential.

Benigno S. Aquino III
Philippine President



A Message from the CEAP President

"Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:20)

1941: Birth of the Organization

Elected as the association's first officers were Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jose Jovellanos, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Manila, as the President, Sister Mary Caelan, OP as Vice-President, and Rev. Bethel C. Kerin, SSC as Treasurer.

On 28 May 1941, the first annual convention of the organization was held and became a living tradition in providing the appropriate venue wherein matters of relevance and concern of the Catholic Education were discussed at length.

When the 2nd World War broke out, however, the CEAP ceased to operate. It be revived only after the war.

1945-1957: Rehabilitation and Renewal

1957-1970: Consolidation and Commitment

1970-1983: Stability and Systematic Structuring

1983-1992: Consistency with the Catholic Calling

1992-2001: Crossing Over the Third Millennium



A Message from the Bishop



Messages from the Archbishops



Luis Antonio G. Tagle
Archbishop of Manila

JOSE S. PALMA, D.D.

2002 – 2010: Reflections on Catholic Education and Recalibration of Action

2011 to present: Towards CEAP 75!

CEAP 75: Remember with Gratitude. Renew with Fervor. Set Forth with Faith. 1941 – 2016



"ISANG HUWARANG KATOLIKO"

(CEAP Anniversary Song)

Isang mundong may bagong anyo
Isang bansang may bagong sigla
Dahil sa iisa at ako
Kalakbay ng sambayanan
Kahalintulad ni Kristo,
Isang huwarang Katoliko.

Bridge:

Koro:

CEAP Hymn Encourages Youth To Be Model Catholics

On the occasion of the start of the 5-year celebration leading up to its diamond jubilee, the CEAP will be launching its official hymn during the opening ceremonies of the 2012 CEAP National Convention on August 29, 2012 at the SMX Convention Centre.

To listen to the song, you may check out CEAP's channel on YouTube (youtube.com/CatholicEdPH).

National Convention Themes

1950 Catholic Education in the Republic
1952 The Contribution of the Catholic Church to Education in the Philippines
1956 The Role of Lay Teachers in Catholic Education in the Philippines
1958 Catholic Education and the Philippine Constitution
1960 Standards of Excellence in Philippine Education
1964 Preparing Classroom Materials for Catholic Schools in the Philippines
1965 Catholic Schools in Mindanao (Past and Present)
1966 Academic Growth through Increased Cooperation
1969 A Reassessment of CEAP Educational Policy in the Philippines
1970 The Catholic School and the Community
1972 Education and National Development
1974 The Future of Catholic Schools
1976 Philippine Educational of the Future: Meeting the Needs of the Developing Nation
1978 Catholic Schools' Contribution to National Development
1980 The Catholic Schools and the Challenges of the 80's
1981 The Challenge of Quality Education in Catholic Schools
1982 Organizing and Managing for Catholic Educational Development
1983 Education for Justice and the Teachers' Role
1984 In Search of a Christian Response to the Present Crisis
1985 Christian Response to the Politicalization of Our Schools
1986 Moral Regeneration for National Reconstruction
1987 Critical Concerns and CEAP's Response
1988 Catholic Education: A Service to the Country (Equity, Excellence, and Efficiency)
1989 Education for Peace, Faith, Culture, and Development
1990 CEAP's Response to UN's Education for All
1991 Formation of Teachers and Lay Leaders in the Service of Faith and the Filipino
1992 Challenges to Catholic Education for the New Decade
1993 CEAP's Response to PCP II – Renewal 2000
1994 School and Family: Foundations of Church and Society
1995 CEAP in the 21st Century: Vision and Relevance
1996 CEAP in the Third Millennium: Evangelization and Educational Challenges
1998 Heroes and Nation: CEAP for God and Country
1999 CEAP: Journeying with the Church of the Poor Towards a Culture of Peace
2000 Living Church, Learning Community: Visions, Revisions, Remembrances
2001 Expanding Horizons, Exploring Dialogues: Shaping Catholic Education in Asia in the New Century
2002 Looking Within, Seeing Beyond: Process, Purpose, and Passion in Catholic Education Today
2003 Making Ends Meet: Excellence, Economics, Evangelization in Philippine Catholic Schools
2004 Cross Growing Edge: Fresh Starts, Creative Ventures in Catholic Education Today
2005 When We're All: Truth, Unity, Traditions in Catholic Education
2006 Faces of Learning, Faces of Love
2007 Beyond Borders, Within Worlds: Catholic Schools and Corporate Social Responsibility
2008 Growing Into Soul: Inner Space, Sacred Place in Catholic Connection
2009 Hold it in Trust: Leadership in Stewardship
2010 A Heart for Eden: a Mind of Ecology
2011 Building a Culture of Peace: Shaping the Vision, Living the Dream
2012 Remember with Gratitude, Renew with Fervor

CEAP Annual National Conventions: Catholic Educators' Big Meeting

The first annual convention of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines was held on 28 May 1941. From then on the CEAP's annual National Conventions have become a big venue for Catholic educators to gather, discuss relevant matters, and share best practices that would help them further in providing quality, transformative Catholic education. The themes that the association adopted for each year would give us a glimpse of how they stayed cognizant of what is happening not just in their school communities but also in national affairs.

The journey towards CEAP's Diamond Jubilee in 2016 starts this year. This year's convention is a remembrance and renewal of the CEAP's commitment to the work that was started 70 years ago, when its Founders first sat down to articulate the vision for Catholic education in the country.

Remember with Gratitude. Renew with Fervor. Set Forth with Faith.
CEAP 75 in the Era of the New Evangelization as the Catholic Church in the Philippines looks forward to its 500th.

The task ahead is clear. Go and make disciples...(Matthew 28:19)

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CEAP Retirement Plan is a non-profit multi-employer retirement plan of CEAP member schools, congregations, order, dioceses and other private schools and education related institutions.

OUR VISION:
To make the CEAP Retirement Plan the primary plan not only of CEAP member schools but also of private schools and other education related institutions nationwide.

OUR MISSION:
To provide flexible retirement options and deliver retirement-related value-added services for its participating institutions and members; to exercise judicious fiduciary responsibility in providing reasonable returns and growth for the monies entrusted to its care; and, to operate as a non-profit organization committed to the guiding principles of solidarity, ethical conduct, accountability, excellence and continuous process improvement.

OUR STRATEGIC GOALS:
To provide retirement plan options to meet the unique needs of the participating institutions and members; to increase membership to the CEAP Retirement Plan; to achieve a more cohesive and efficient process in the administration of the Plan; and to ensure responsible stewardship of the assets and monies of the participating institutions and members.

FEATURES OF THE PLAN:

1. Tax Qualification – earnings and retirement benefits are tax-exempt and employers' contributions are tax deductible.
2. Reasonable ROI – averaged ROI of 9.16% for the last 6 years, from 2007 to 2012, with highs of 13.63% and 14.29% and 12.84% in 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.
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4. Periodic Report – Semi-annual report on members' equities, every June and December.
5. Portability of CEAP Retirement Plan membership for employees who transfer to another participating institution.
6. Primary Benefit Package

• Retirement benefits are paid in lump sum; the responsibility of complying with the Retirement Law is the sole responsibility of the participating employer.
• Resignation benefits of members are equivalent to a percentage based on the vesting provisions of the Plan.
• Death benefit is equivalent to 100% of the amount standing to the credit of the member under the Trust Fund plus an additional benefit of P 100,000 to be paid to member's beneficiary provided the participating institution has no arrears in contributions to the fund.
• Total Disability benefit is equivalent to 100% of the amount standing to the credit of the member plus an additional benefit of P 50,000 to be paid to the member/or beneficiary provided the participating institution has no arrears in contributions to the fund.

ADMINISTRATION:
The Plan is administered by a Retirement Commission consisting of 13 members, 10 of which are from the Fund's biggest stakeholders. The CEAP's President, Treasurer and Executive Director sit in the Commission as ex-officio members.

TRUSTEE BANKS:
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